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Flights to Furever, a designated 501(3)(c) organization* is seeking exemption from §61.113(c) of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, relating to compensation. An exemption from this rule allows organizations to reimburse volunteer pilots for fuel, provided the pilot and organization comply with certain conditions and/or limitations. I have included a link that will give a little history of the organization and what we do. *Note: Flights to Furever is a division of Humane Society of Uvalde and operates under the tax id number of HSU.

<https://www.uvaldeleadernews.com/articles/more-than-1000-dogs-find-life-in-new-york-thanks-to-stunkel-crew/>

We seek this relief to be able to reimburse fuel cost to a local pilot willing to donate the use of his plane and his time to fly unwanted animals in Texas at risk of euthanasia to Rescue organizations in western NY that find them loving homes. At this time, we utilize ground transport, which takes a minimum of 35 hours which is stress for our puppies and pregnant mothers. It would help us to have this mode of transport available to us. We are not a true VPO in that we are not scheduling multiple pilots and aircraft for various clients. We have one volunteer willing to take a load of pups. There will not be multiple flights in a month. At the most, there will be 12 flights in a year.

Our understanding is a pilot will need to have a minimum of 500 hours, a 2nd class medical, be instrument rated (and current), and get an annual IPC. Pilots will also need to follow certain operating limitations and complete some sort of initial and annual training.

Our local volunteer

- a. Has 1700 hours of flying hours experience (600 in type)
- b. Has 2nd class medical
- c. Is instrument rated (and current)
- d. He is a commercial rated pilot.
- e. Has an annual IPC.
- f. Meets or exceeds all Personal Minimums listed in the Public Benefit Flying: Balancing Safety and Compassion course by the AOPA Air Safety Institute.
- g. Is willing to take training required by the FAA for this purpose.

This exemption would not adversely affect safety. Due to the fact we will be flying rescue dogs, there will never be a time that we can not reschedule. Our plan B is to leave the dogs in their current foster homes and reschedule. Rescues in NY are always willing to meet us another day. Safety is always foremost and there will never be pressure to feel this flight must be made. There is no cost involved to society in general and the benefit to society would be taking stray dogs off the streets of Uvalde Tx and the surrounding areas, and relocating them to an area that has the ability to find them loving homes. There also would be no regulatory burden on small business, small government jurisdictions or Indian tribes. Thank you for your consideration

